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Application of Galvanism as Curative Agent.

PERKINS' SPECIFICATION.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, I, BENJAMIN DOUGLAS PERKINS, of King Street, Covent Garden, Master of Arts, send greeting.

WHEREAS His most Excellent Majesty King George the Third did, by His Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain, bearing date at Westminster, the Tenth day of March, in the thirty-eighth year of His reign, give and grant unto me, the said Benjamin Douglas Perkins, His especial licence that I, the said Benjamin Douglas Perkins, during the term of years therein mentioned, should and lawfully might use, exercise, and vend, within England, Wales, and the Town of Berwick-upon-Tweed, the "DISCOVERY OF A CERTAIN ART OF RELIEVING AND CURING A VARIETY OF ACHES, PAINS, AND DISEASES IN THE HUMAN BODY, BY DRAWING OVER THE PARTS AFFECTED OR THOSE CONTIGUOUS THERETO, IN CERTAIN DIRECTIONS, VARIOUS POINTED METALS, WHICH, FROM THE AFFINITY THEY HAVE WITH THE OFFENDING MATTER, OR FROM SOME OTHER CAUSE, EXTRACT OR DRAW OUT THE SAME, AND THUS CURE THE PATIENT;" in which said Letters Patent is contained a proviso obliging me, the said Benjamin Douglas Perkins, by an instrument in writing under my hand and seal, to cause a particular description of the nature of the said Discovery, and in what manner the same is to be performed, to be inrolled in His Majesty's High Court of Chancery within six calendar months after the date of the said recited Letters Patent, as in and by the same (relation being thereunto had) may more fully and at large appear.

NOW KNOW YE, that in compliance with the said proviso, I, the said Benjamin Douglas Perkins, do hereby declare that the said Discovery is described as follows (that is to say):—

This Invention or Discovery consists in applying the influence of metals as

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a remedy in many diseases of the human body. The metallic substances which I employ for this purpose are those which produce that action on the nerves and muscles of animals, known by the term galvanism. Among the various metals that may be thus characterized, I have found none more eminently efficacious in removing diseases than the combinations of copper, zink, and a small proportion of gold, and also iron united to a very small proportion of silver or platina. These are constructed with points, and of such dimensions as convenience shall dictate. They may either be formed with one point, or pointed at each end, or with two or more points. The points of the instrument thus formed I apply to those parts of the body which are affected with disease, and draw them off on the skin to a considerable distance from the complaint, and usually towards the extremities. The diseases most readily cured by this metallic influence are rheumatism, gout, pleurisy, inflamation, spasmodic affections, and most kinds of topical complaints. All parts of the body on which the metals are to be used, as well as the metals themselves, should be perfectly free from oily and greasy applications. The relief from this metallic application may usually be expected in the course of from fifteen to twenty minutes, but with obstinate chronic diseases their use should be continued a much longer time and repeated two or three times a day for several weeks.

In witness whereof, I, the said Benjamin Douglas Perkins, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this Tenth day of September, in the year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

BENJAMIN DOUGLAS PERKINS.

AND BE IT REMEMBERED, that on the Tenth day of September, in the thirty-eighth year of the reign of His Majesty King George the Third, the said Benjamin Douglas Perkins came before our said Lord the King in His Chancery, and acknowledged the Instrument aforesaid, and all and every thing therein contained and specified, in form above written. And also the Instrument aforesaid was stamped according to the tenor of the several Statutes made in the sixth year of the reign of the late King and Queen William and Mary of England, and so forth, and in the seventeenth, twenty-third, and thirty-seventh years of the reign of His present Majesty King George the Third.

Inrolled the Tenth day of September, in the year above written.

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